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DIARY NOTES

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1. I was the Duty Officer in the Office of the Director and spent some time discussing our budget problems with Mr. Dulles. In our Area he still feels that we should make some reduction in the Offices of Personnel, Security and Logistics; in the DD/I Area he apparently believes that the Offices of Research and Reports and Central Reference should be able to cut down; and in the DD/P Area he mentioned specifically the War Planners Group. During our philosophizing I expressed the view that the Comptroller and the Deputy Director (Support) were going to have to behave more like the Bureau of the Budget if we were going to effect the economies necessary to carry on our program within the amount of money allowed. He agreed that, as a matter of principle, we should hold out on the Components as much as possible and make them justify their apportionment requests in much the same way that we, as an Agency, are required to justify to the Bureau. In talking about personnel ceilings I expressed some pessimism as to what we were going to accomplish with a manpower task force unless they also looked at functions. He seemed to agree with this idea and said very definitely that he wanted to look at functions to see what we could cut out altogether or transfer to other agencies. He also wanted to beef up our selection-out machinery. With regard to [REDACTED] project he said that he could see the Bureau of the Budget's point of view and that he, in fact, was inclined to think that it might be preferable from our point of view to let the Department of Defense budget and finance these projects with us acting as their Executive Agent. I doubt very much, however, if he will hold this point of view inasmuch as General Cabell and [REDACTED] do not. H

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2. The Director explained to me that he wanted to put [REDACTED] in charge of our whole [REDACTED] and allow him to continue at his present grade GS-18 salary.

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3. He also asked me to look into [REDACTED] promotion record and to advise him about it within the next few days inasmuch as he will be taking over for [REDACTED]

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